



CITY COUNCIL

Public Works Committee

Monday, March 16, 2009

Agenda

5:00 p.m.

Committee Members: M. Goodman-Hinnershitz Chair, D. Sterner, S. Fuhs

I. Update on current Capital Projects 5:00 pm

- Update re: Zoning Amendment to allow firing range on Fritz Island

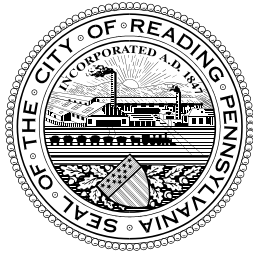
II. Review Proposed Capital Improvement Plan Amendment 5:20 pm

III. East Ends Contract – Update 5:50 pm

IV. Bernhart's Park & Dam 6:00 pm

- Remediation of the Park property (memo attached)
- DEP order to drain the lake

**Committee of the Whole at 6:15 p.m. in the Penn Room re: removal of
Bushong Dam**



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Tuesday, February 17, 2009
Meeting Report

Committee Members Attending: M. Goodman-Hinnershitz, D. Sterner; S. Fuhs

Others Attending: L. Kelleher; C. Younger, M. Vind, R. Hottenstein, C. Jones, and T. McMahon

Federal Stimulus Package

Ms. Goodman-Hinnershitz requested an update on the City's stance on the application process and readiness for the upcoming Federal Stimulus Package.

Mr. Hottenstein explained that a portion of the Stimulus Package is intended to fund roadway projects that are ready for construction within 90 to 180 days. Funding will pass down through either the State or through CDBG allocations. The Stimulus Package will also benefit fire departments and infrastructure projects. He stated that the City is considering a variety of projects. Mr. Jones stated that he is unsure if the Stimulus Package can cover paving and repaving projects. He noted that the Wastewater Treatment Plant is not considered a shovel ready project.

Mr. Fuhs inquired if the Stimulus Package will cover bridge repair. Mr. Jones replied affirmatively noting that three bridges that require repair are the following:

- Penn Street Bridge - owned by the State
- Bingaman Street Bridge - owned by the State
- Buttonwood Street Bridge - owned by the County

He added that the State is currently considering if the Penn Street Bridge should be repaired or replaced. The City will have the State's decision by early April.

Ms. Goodman-Hinnershitz inquired if any of the other sewer projects like the 6th and Canal Pumping Station would be considered ready to go. Mr. Jones stated that the

tunnel method could be considered shovel ready, as it can be bid out quickly, along with the new administration/lab building on Fritz's Island.

Ms. Goodman-Hinnershitz suggested that the Administration consider also applying for Stimulus funds to cover the repair of Bernhart's Dam and the Skyline wall. She noted that the Skyline wall was a federally funded project during the Depression. Mr. Jones noted that the majority of the Skyline Wall is not located within city limits.

Mr. Sterner inquired if the Stimulus Package could cover the extension of River Road. Mr. Jones replied that the extension of this roadway will take place in two phases: 1) Buttonwood Street to Spring Street and 2) Spring Street to Centre Avenue. He added that the Spring Street to Centre Avenue is less certain than the first phase. He noted that both would provide the traffic relief for the Berkshire Bottling project.

East Ends Contract

Mr. Hottenstein stated that a draft temporary lease agreement has been drafted. He suggested that the City and East Ends use this until the negotiation process is completed. He also suggested increasing East Ends lease payment to \$1,000 per month with the temporary lease agreement. The negotiation process is expected to conclude by the end of 2009. He noted that East Ends has not had a rent increase since 1996-97.

Ms. Kelleher recapped that East Ends began using the property in 1937 and started paying the City \$125 per month in the 1960's. This monthly payment continued until the lease was renegotiated in 1996-97, when the monthly payment was increased to \$500. She added that the last renegotiation also required East Ends to begin paying their own utilities. She also noted that in 2001, the City filed with the County Assessment Board to exempt the property taxes. Although East Ends was required to pay property taxes for this property, they did not. It is unclear if the City paid the County and School taxes for this property before the exemption was approved.

Mr. Hottenstein stated that the building was inspected by the Health Inspector on January 22. A re-tour is scheduled for the week of February 23rd. Ms. Goodman-Hinnershitz announced her desire to go along on the re-tour.

Ms. Goodman-Hinnershitz and Mr. Sterner suggested that Mr. Hottenstein apply a more modest increase with the Temporary Lease Agreement. They noted that an increase this extreme may force East Ends out of the building. They noted that East Ends, as with other similar organizations, has experienced a decrease in membership. Mr. Goodman-Hinnershitz stated that East Ends has been a good tenant since 1937. Mr. Sterner suggested increasing the lease payment to \$750.

Bernhart's Park and Dam

This topic will be covered in Committee of the Whole, at the conclusion of the Administrative Oversight Committee meeting.

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Mr. Hottenstein stated that amendments to that approved with the budget process would be presented for introduction at the February 23rd regular meeting.

Ms. Goodman-Hinnershitz questioned if the pond in front of the bandshell will be removed. Mr. Jones replied that the pond will be repaired and relocated to the side of the bandshell. The lawn in front of the bandshell will also be terraced. The park lighting will also be repaired and upgraded. Ms. Kelleher noted that the lights in the playground area are very dim. Mr. Jones stated that the scheduled repair project will correct the electrical problems in the park.

Firing Range

Mr. Jones stated that the survey work is underway. Ms. Mayfield will present the accompanying zoning amendment within the next month.

The Public Works Committee adjourned at approximately 6:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Linda A. Kelleher CMC, City Clerk

BILL NO. _____ 2009

AN ORDINANCE

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE FY 2006-2012 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN FOR THE CITY OF READING.

SECTION 1. The City Council amends the FY 2006-2012 Capital Improvement Program totaling \$16,509,151.00 of debt funding, by providing for improvements to City Council Chambers in the amount of \$50,000 for a new program total of \$16,559,151.00.

SECTION 2. The proposed amendments are set forth in Exhibit A, as attached hereto and made a part hereof.

SECTION 3. This ordinance shall become effective ten (10) days after its adoption, in accordance with Section 221 of the City of Reading Home Rule Charter.

Enacted _____, 2009

President of Council

Attest:

City Clerk

EXHIBIT A

**CITY OF READING
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PROGRAM
FY 2006 - FY 2012**

PROJECT	YEAR	PROJ. COST	DEBT FINANCING	EXPENDITURES TO DATE	BALANCE	AMENDMENT	NEW BUDGET	STATUS
2006								
RESCUE 1	2006	\$450,000.00	\$450,000.00	\$462,441.00	(\$12,441.00)	\$12,441.00	\$462,441.00	COMPLETED
COVERY	2006	\$1,250,000.00	\$1,250,000.00	\$1,252,025.00	(\$2,025.00)	\$2,025.00	\$1,252,025.00	COMPLETED
Power Source	2006	\$67,000.00	\$67,000.00	\$16,900.00	\$50,100.00	\$0.00	\$67,000.00	IN PROGRESS
SYSTEM FOR CITYWIDE*	2006	\$3,000,000.00	\$750,000.00	\$91,779.00	\$658,221.00	(\$568,221.00)	\$181,779.00	IN PROGRESS
BROOK FIRE STATION	2006	\$1,500,000.00	\$1,500,000.00	\$428,058.00	\$1,071,942.00	\$2,000,000.00	\$3,500,000.00	IN PROGRESS
CLASSROOM ADDITION	2006	\$52,000.00	\$52,000.00	\$0.00	\$52,000.00	\$200,000.00	\$252,000.00	IN PROGRESS
PROPERTY CITY HALL ROOF	2006	\$100,000.00	\$100,000.00	\$7,000.00	\$93,000.00	\$0.00	\$100,000.00	IN PROGRESS
Lighting Repairs	2006	\$87,000.00	\$87,000.00	\$0.00	\$87,000.00	\$0.00	\$87,000.00	IN PROGRESS
ALT BRINE EQUIPMENT	2006	\$50,000.00	\$50,000.00	\$33,393.00	\$16,607.00	(\$16,607.00)	\$33,393.00	COMPLETED
WEST BRANCH REPAIRS	2007	\$60,000.00	\$60,000.00	\$17,000.00	\$43,000.00	\$0.00	\$60,000.00	IN PROGRESS
E ROOM EXPANSION	2006	\$200,000.00	\$200,000.00	\$10,472.00	\$189,528.00	\$50,000.00	\$250,000.00	IN PROGRESS
PROPERTY STADIUM HIGH MAST REPLACEMENT	2006	\$152,000.00	\$152,000.00	\$115,290.00	\$36,710.00	(\$36,710.00)	\$115,290.00	COMPLETED
BAER PARK PLAYGROUND RENOVATION	2006	\$100,000.00	\$50,000.00	\$3,975.00	\$46,025.00	\$0.00	\$50,000.00	IN PROGRESS
	2006	\$100,000.00	\$100,000.00	\$100,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$100,000.00	COMPLETED
		\$7,168,000.00	\$4,868,000.00	\$2,538,333.00	\$2,329,667	\$1,642,928	\$6,510,928.00	
2007								
ENGINE 14	2007	\$475,000.00	\$475,000.00	\$473,538.00	\$1,462.00	(\$1,462.00)	\$473,538.00	COMPLETED
Camera Network	2007	\$1,785,000.00	\$390,000.00	\$91,560.00	\$298,440.00	\$0.00	\$390,000.00	IN PROGRESS

BRANCH RENOVATION	2007	\$140,000.00	\$140,000.00	\$0.00	\$40,000.00	(\$100,000.00)	\$40,000.00	IN PROGRESS
CITY PARK RENOVATION	2007	\$1,050,000.00	\$1,500,000.00	\$49,504.00	\$1,450,496.00	\$0.00	\$1,500,000.00	COMPLETED
RASH COMPACTOR TRUCK	2007	\$120,000.00	\$120,000.00	\$103,394.00	\$16,606.00	(\$16,606.00)	\$103,394.00	COMPLETED
ERTY BANDSHELL REHABILITATION	2007	\$80,000.00	\$80,000.00	\$45,337.00	\$34,663.00	\$0.00	\$80,000.00	IN PROGRESS
ERTY Pagoda Renovations	2007	\$1,443,900.00	\$1,443,900.00	\$100,468.00	\$343,432.00	\$0.00	\$1,443,900.00	IN PROGRESS
UMP TRUCK	2007	\$110,000.00	\$110,000.00	\$64,615.00	\$45,385.00	(\$64,615.00)	\$45,385.00	COMPLETED
BAER PARK PLAYGROUND RENOVATION	2007	\$100,000.00	\$50,000.00	\$3,975.00	\$46,025.00	\$0.00	\$50,000.00	IN PROGRESS
Hillside Playground Renovation	2007	\$70,000.00	\$60,000.00	\$2,230.00	\$57,770.00	(\$57,770.00)	\$0.00	IN PROGRESS
VE WALL REPAIR	2007	\$171,500.00	\$171,500.00	\$0.00	\$171,500.00	\$0.00	\$171,500.00	IN PROGRESS
ENGINEERING BUCKET TRUCK	2007	\$70,000.00	\$70,000.00	\$21,740.00	\$48,260.00	(\$48,260.00)	\$21,740.00	COMPLETED
SCHLEGEL PARK POOL REPLASTER/TILE	2007	\$150,000.00	\$150,000.00	\$202,100.00	(\$52,100.00)	\$52,100.00	\$202,100.00	COMPLETED
ENGINEERING HANDICAP RAMPS	2007	\$50,000.00	(\$50,000.00)	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$50,000.00)	\$0.00	CDBG
ERTY 6 & PENN COURTYARD UPGRADE	2007	\$120,000.00	\$120,000.00	\$0.00	\$12,000.00	\$0.00	\$120,000.00	IN PROGRESS
ERTY ATHLETIC FIELD LIGHTING	2007	\$50,000.00	(\$50,000.00)	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$50,000.00)	\$0.00	CDBG
ark Pond Remediation & Water Feature	2007	\$230,000.00	(\$230,000.00)	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$230,000.00)	\$0.00	CDBG
GE OVERHEAD LUBRICATION SYSTEM	2007	\$114,666.00	\$114,666.00	\$0.00	\$114,666.00	\$0.00	\$114,666.00	IN PROGRESS
		\$6,330,066.00	\$4,665,066.00	\$1,158,461	\$2,628,605	(\$566,613)	\$4,756,223.00	
2008								
STREET FIRE STATION	2008	\$2,500,000.00	\$2,500,000.00	\$0.00	\$2,500,000.00	(\$2,500,000.00)	\$0.00	DELETED
ERTY STADIUM FIELD LIGHTING UPGRADES	2007	\$60,000.00	\$60,000.00	\$0.00	\$60,000.00	\$0.00	\$60,000.00	IN PROGRESS
ERTY STADIUM HIGH MAST PAINTING	2007	\$50,000.00	\$50,000.00	\$0.00	\$50,000.00	\$0.00	\$50,000.00	IN PROGRESS
ERTY CITY HALL BRASS RESTORATION	2007	\$75,000.00	\$75,000.00	\$0.00	\$75,000.00	(\$75,000.00)	\$0.00	DELETED
URNISHINGS	2007	\$60,000.00	\$60,000.00	\$0.00	\$60,000.00	(\$60,000.00)	\$0.00	DELETED
3rd & SPRING PLAYGROUND RENOVATION	2008	\$160,000.00	(\$80,000.00)	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$80,000.00)	\$0.00	CDBG
BAER PARK FIELD HOUSE RENOVATION	2008	\$100,000.00	(\$50,000.00)	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$50,000.00)	\$0.00	CDBG
	2008	\$126,000.00	\$126,000.00	\$0.00	\$126,000.00	\$0.00	\$126,000.00	IN

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Angelica Nature Center	2008	\$1,000,000.00	\$1,000,000.00	\$0.00	\$1,000,000.00	\$0.00	\$1,000,000.00	IN
	2008	\$365,000.00	\$365,000.00	\$0.00	\$365,000.00	\$0.00	\$365,000.00	PROGRESS
y Hall	2008	\$30,600.00	\$30,600.00	\$0.00	\$30,600.00	(\$30,600.00)	\$0.00	DELETED
Roof for City Hall	2008	\$336,000.00	\$336,000.00	\$0.00	\$336,000.00	(\$336,000.00)	\$0.00	DELETED
a Drive Guard Rails	2009	\$230,000.00	\$230,000.00	\$0.00	\$230,000.00	\$0.00	\$230,000.00	IN
EDIA UPGRADE Council Chambers	2008	\$50,000.00	\$50,000.00	\$0.00	\$50,000.00	\$0.00	\$50,000.00	PROGRESS
		\$5,142,600.00	\$4,752,600.00	\$0.00	\$4,882,600.00	(\$3,131,600.00)	\$1,881,000.00	
2009								
FRONT END LOADER	2008	\$175,000.00	\$175,000.00	\$0.00	\$175,000.00	\$0.00	\$175,000.00	
STREET SWEEPERS	2007	\$300,000.00	\$300,000.00	\$0.00	\$300,000.00	\$0.00	\$300,000.00	
BUCK LIFT	2008	\$50,000.00	\$50,000.00	\$0.00	\$50,000.00	(\$50,000.00)	\$0.00	DELETED
ENGINEERING HANDICAP RAMPS	2007	\$50,000.00	(\$50,000.00)	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$50,000.00)	\$0.00	CDBG
HAMPDEN/MARION FIRE STATION	2009	\$2,500,000.00	\$2,500,000.00	\$0.00	\$2,500,000.00	(\$2,500,000.00)	\$0.00	DELETED
NORTHMONT PLAYGROUND RENOVATION	2009	\$160,000.00	(\$80,000.00)	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$80,000.00)	\$0.00	CDBG
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First Energy Stadium Repair	2009	\$26,000,000.00	\$1,300,000.00	\$0.00	\$1,300,000.00	\$0.00	\$1,300,000.00	PROGRESS
ge Repair	2009	\$450,000.00	\$450,000.00	\$0.00	\$450,000.00	\$0.00	\$450,000.00	
all Improvements	2009	\$150,000.00	\$150,000.00	\$0.00	\$150,000.00	\$0.00	\$150,000.00	
		\$29,835,000.00	\$4,795,000.00	\$0	\$4,925,000	(\$2,680,000)	\$2,375,000.00	
2010								
can Museum Site Preparation	2007	\$6,170,000.00	\$500,000.00	\$0.00	\$500,000.00	\$0.00	\$500,000.00	IN
EAST BRANCH REPAIRS	2008	\$70,000.00	\$70,000.00	\$0.00	\$70,000.00	\$0.00	\$70,000.00	PROGRESS
ROW IMPROVEMENTS	2008	\$250,000.00	\$200,000.00	\$0.00	\$200,000.00	(\$200,000.00)	\$0.00	DELETED
ERTY ATHLETIC FACILITIES LIGHTING	2008	\$50,000.00	\$50,000.00	\$0.00	\$50,000.00	(\$50,000.00)	\$0.00	DELETED
ENGINEERING HANDICAP RAMPS	2008	\$50,000.00	(\$50,000.00)	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$50,000.00)	\$0.00	CDBG
T END LOADER	2009	\$120,000.00	\$120,000.00	\$0.00	\$120,000.00	(\$120,000.00)	\$0.00	DELETED
STREET SWEEPERS	2009	\$300,000.00	\$300,000.00	\$0.00	\$300,000.00	(\$300,000.00)	\$0.00	DELETED
RANCH EXPANSION	2010	\$8,000,000.00	\$2,000,000.00	\$0.00	\$2,000,000.00	(\$2,000,000.00)	\$0.00	DELETED
KEFFER PARK FIELD HOUSE RENOVATION	2008	\$100,000.00	(\$50,000.00)	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$50,000.00)	\$0.00	CDBG
c Portal	2008	\$286,000.00	\$286,000.00	\$0.00	\$286,000.00	\$0.00	\$286,000.00	IN

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		\$15,396,000.00	\$3,426,000.00	\$0	\$3,526,000	(\$2,770,000)	\$856,000.00	
2011								
STREET SWEEPERS	2010	\$300,000.00	\$300,000.00	\$0.00	\$300,000.00	(\$300,000.00)	\$0.00	DELETED
INDMASTER TRACTOR	2010	\$50,000.00	\$50,000.00	\$0.00	\$50,000.00	\$0.00	\$50,000.00	
Branch	2011	\$1,800,000.00	\$1,800,000.00	\$0.00	\$1,800,000.00	(\$1,800,000.00)	\$0.00	DELETED
ERTY ATHLETIC FACILITIES LIGHTING	2010	\$50,000.00	\$50,000.00	\$0.00	\$50,000.00	(\$50,000.00)	\$0.00	DELETED
EAST BRANCH REPAIRS	2009	\$70,000.00	\$70,000.00	\$0.00	\$70,000.00	\$0.00	\$70,000.00	
ENGINEERING HANDICAP RAMPS	2008	\$50,000.00	(\$50,000.00)	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$50,000.00)	\$0.00	CDBG
ENGINEERING HANDICAP RAMPS	2008	\$50,000.00	(\$50,000.00)	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$50,000.00)	\$0.00	CDBG
Whitewater Park	2007	\$522,810.00	\$525,000.00	\$0.00	\$525,000.00	(\$525,000.00)	\$0.00	DELETED
PENDORA PARK FIELD HOUSE RENOVATION	2008	\$200,000.00	(\$100,000.00)	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$100,000.00)	\$0.00	CDBG
MOBILE REPLACEMENT	2010	\$120,000.00	\$120,000.00	\$0.00	\$120,000.00	(\$120,000.00)	\$0.00	CDBG
ROW IMPROVEMENTS	2009	\$250,000.00	\$250,000.00	\$0.00	\$250,000.00	(\$250,000.00)	\$0.00	DELETED
ROW IMPROVEMENTS	2010	\$250,000.00	\$250,000.00	\$0.00	\$250,000.00	(\$250,000.00)	\$0.00	DELETED
ERTY STADIUM FIELD LIGHTING UPGRADES	2010	\$60,000.00	\$60,000.00	\$0.00	\$60,000.00	\$0.00	\$60,000.00	
		\$3,772,810.00	\$3,275,000.00	\$0	\$3,475,000	(\$3,495,000)	\$180,000.00	
		\$67,644,476.00	\$25,781,666.00	\$3,696,794	\$21,766,872	(\$11,000,285)	#####	

The estimated schedule for the drawing down of funds
for the remainig four years of the CIP is as follows:

Approximately \$13.2 million remains in eligible CIP projects.

The City of Reading would expend approximately \$3.3 million per year from the beginning of
2009 to the completion of the last CIP projects which are scheduled for 2011.

This annual expenditure translates into a monthly expenditure of approximately \$275,000
or approximately \$1.65 million every six months. While the CIP project list concludes in 2011
it is expected final completion of all projects would not occur until 2012.

gh mast replacement project is proposed to remain unscheduled until final determination of whether to renovate or re-locate Municipal Stadium is made. At paving is budgeted every year, the magnitude of the effort is beyond the City's financial capacity, thus proposing State and Federal funding. The project is financed, but the life of a road is less than 10 years making it a poor candidate for such funding.



CITY OF READING,
PENNSYLVANIA

M E M O R A N D U M

TO: Managing Director
FROM: Vaughn D. Spencer, President of Council
Public Works Committee
DATE: October 2, 2008
SUBJECT: East Ends Lease Agreement

At their September 15th meeting the Public Works Committee discussed the current lease arrangement with the East Ends Association. The contract expired a few years ago and the Committee and I request that you and the Solicitor immediately begin to renegotiate this lease agreement. A copy of the brief prepared by Council staff is attached along with the Public Works meeting report. We ask that you be prepared to provide reports on the negotiation process at each Public Works Committee meeting.





SUBJECT: East Ends Social Club located in Mineral Spring Park.

The Assessment Office also reported that on **October 22, 2002 the building was provided with exempt status by the Assessment Board**. They could not determine from their records who filed the application.

LEASE AGREEMENTS: Our records show the first formal lease agreement with East Ends ran from 1974 through 1979 and the second running from 1996 through 2001.

The **1974-79 lease agreement** contained provisions for monthly rental payments of \$125 and required payment of utilities and real estate taxes. Through conversations with former City officials we learned that utility costs were billed to the City and forwarded to and paid by East Ends. The City paid the property taxes but it is uncertain if East Ends ever reimbursed the City.

During **the 1996 negotiations** it was discovered that utility payments were not always reimbursed by East Ends and that the City still provided trash collection. It was also discovered that the property taxes paid by the City were not reimbursed by East Ends. During negotiations the City made it clear that East Ends needed to have the utilities switched over to their organization. East Ends was also advised that maintenance of the facility and trash collection was their responsibility.

The **1996-2001 lease agreement** raises the monthly rent payment to \$500, payable to the Finance Director's Office or his designee. This agreement also requires the Lessee to promptly remit property taxes levied on the property. The lease also requires the Lessee to maintain, repair and plow the access road from the point depicted on Exhibit A.

The lease, which expired in 2001, contains an optional 5 year renewable clause that was not exercised by the City or East Ends. The lease also allows the City to terminate the lease by providing 180 day notice if the City "decides in its sole discretion that the premises are needed for or to further the exercise of its municipal powers for the benefit of the public." It also provides that if any term of the lease is in arrears, is unpaid, or if the said Lessee underlets or stops using the premise for a private club without obtaining written consent from the City, the City may file eviction proceedings with the Courts.

The lease also states that "all goods on the premise shall be liable to distress in the event rent, utilities, property taxes are unpaid and if rubbish, trash are not removed from the premise and grounds and for non-fulfillment of and covenants herein contained. In the event the Lessee desires an assessment appeal, the Lessor will provide legal assistance with any and all costs reimbursed."

UTILITY & OTHER PAYMENTS: RAWA confirmed that East Ends pays their monthly water/sewer bills. Public Works has confirmed that the electric service has been changed to East Ends. Tax confirmed that East Ends has a business license and remits proper payments. Codes confirmed that East Ends has a current Health Permit.

ATTACHMENTS: 1974-79 and 1996-2001 Lease Agreements; Park and Rec Plan information on property

MEMORANDUM

TO: Linda Kelleher
City Clerk, City of Reading
FROM: Margaret A. Hill
Charles T. Blocksidge
DATE: March 2, 2009
RE: Bernhart Park Investigation Update
C/M NO.: 124408/00401

This memorandum is intended to provide an update of the investigatory activity concerning the lead contamination at Bernhart Park. The information contained herein is a result of a phone conversation we had on February 24, 2009 with Cynthia Nadolski, Senior Assistant Regional Counsel for Region 3 of the Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA") and Khai Dao, the EPA Region 3 project manager for Bernhart Park. In particular, we discussed the status of the Ecological Risk Assessment ("ERA") being conducted by Exide, as well as the status of the report being prepared as a joint effort between the Pennsylvania Department of Health ("PADOH") and Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry ("ATSDR") concerning their opinion of the extent of remedial activities that should occur at Bernhart Park.

With respect to the ERA, Exide, under the supervision of EPA, completed the last cycle of soil samples about a month ago and that the samples are currently being analyzed. This analysis should take several weeks to complete. Concurrently with this analysis, Exide plans to conduct the fish study that the City of Reading requested last year to determine if there are any adverse consequences to consuming the fish caught in Bernhart Park. This study was originally scheduled for late last year but the temperature changed to quickly to obtain accurate results. Mr. Dao speculated that the results from the fish study, which will take about a day to complete and a few weeks to receive results, will coincide with the release of soil sample analysis.

Once these two items are complete, the final ERA will be assembled by Exide for submission to EPA and the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection, which will then publish the report for public comment. The best estimate at this point is that the City of Reading should receive the report by May of this year. The report being prepared by PADOH and ATSDR is currently being reviewed by ATSDR in Atlanta. Mr. Dao expects that the review should be done in the next few weeks. We will continue to follow-up with the individuals involved in the event they do not provide timely updates. Mr. Dao did state that he thinks that the remedial activities, once approved, can begin later this year. Please let us know if you have any questions at this time.

Public Works Committee
FY 2008
GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

GOAL 1: REVIEW AND RECOMMEND FOR ADOPTION A STORMWATER MANAGEMENT ORDINANCE TO COMPLY WITH PADEP REGULATIONS.

GOAL 2: EVALUATE CONTRACTS FOR LINE PAINTING AND TRAFFIC SIGNAL AND STREETLIGHT MAINTENANCE.

- Ensure the Public Works Department prepares specifications and awards contracts to the lowest responsible bidders, for the maintenance of essential operations.
- Develop areas, based on concerns related to individual Council Districts, requiring streetlight maintenance.

GOAL 3: REPAVE/RECONSTRUCT CITY STREETS/MAINTAIN CURBING AND SIDEWALKS

- Determine the most effective method of developing and implementing a citywide street reconstruction and repaving program.
- Develop priorities for street repaving and reconstruction.
- Identify, based on Council Districts, in need of infrastructure improvements.

GOAL 4: COMPLETE ENGINEERING PLAN REVIEWS FOR PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT SITES.

- Ensure the Public Works Committee receives regular updates regarding development projects.

GOAL 5: ADDRESS THE CLEANLINESS OF CITY STREETS

- Evaluate current sweeping program procedures in an attempt to improve operations.

GOAL 6: BEAUTIFICATION/MAINTENANCE/EXPANSION OF THE PARKS SYSTEM

- Identify necessary, amongst the existing park system, necessary aesthetic improvements and prioritize improvements.
- Receive regular updates on the implementation of the City Park Master Plan and improvements to the Pagoda.

GOAL 7: RENOVATIONS TO CITY FACILITIES.

- Ensure improvements to City facilities are completed in a timely manner.

GOAL 8: ENSURE TIMELY IMPLEMENTATION OF CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PLAN PROJECTS

- Monitor CIP projects and receive regular status report from Public Works Director and Managing Director.

GOAL 9: STRENGTHEN RECREATION ACTIVITIES AND PROGRAMS AS A WHOLE.

- Improve, through amendment, the existing Park and Recreation Advisory Council ordinance.
- Discuss opportunities of expanding recreation opportunities through partnering with other organizations and the community.
- Work with other external recreation providers to coordinate programs and activities
- Identify more effective methods of providing recreation opportunities to a larger segment of the community.
- Consider expanding the Park Security Program.

GOAL 10: RECEIVE REGULAR UPDATES ON COMPLIANCE WITH ALL WASTE WATER PERMIT REQUIREMENTS (NPDES AND Air Quality) AND WASTE WATER TREATMENT PLANT OPERATIONS.

GOAL 11: REVIEW CONSENT ORDER AND OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE PLAN SCHEDULE

- Begin and continue reviewing the implementation of the wastewater treatment plant design and schedule including periodic updating of financial estimates.
- Approve Consent Decree timeline.
- Receive regular and complete financial updates

GOAL 12: CREATE STORMWATER UTILITY

- Review financial impact analysis.
- Develop legislation for review and adoption by City Council.

GOAL 13: MONITOR SOLID WASTE AND RECYCLING OPERATIONS

- Determine if improvements to the existing ordinance are necessary.
- Assist with the development of an education and enforcement campaign for all city residents on proper set out requirements for all municipal solid waste and recyclables.